(c) Cost Audit Reports of the companies became due after 120 days of the close of their accounting years. The number of cost audit reports not received from the cost auditors are as follows :—

1987-88	13
1988-89	80
1989-90	104

The cases in respect of defaulting companies have been referred to the concerned Registrar of Companies for further necessary action.

(d) A copy each of the cost audit report is made available to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices and the concerned Administrative Ministry for such action as they may consider necessary, and to other Government Agencies at their requests. Cost Audit Reports are reviewed in the Ministry with reference to the requirements of the Companies Act, 1956 and Cost Audit (Report) Rules, 1968.

Cases referred to Registrar of Companies

1655. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 339 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 1992 and state :

(a) when did his Ministry refer cases to Registrar of Companies concerned to initiate necessary proceeding against each company who did not submit Cost Audit Reports;

(b) what is the number of cases, proceedings that have been initiated and what are the names of those companies;

(c) what is the latest position in each case; and

(d) what are the details of actions taken on the issues that came to the notice of his Ministry while examining the reports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) The information in respect of the concerned companies is given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 32]

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Details of action taken on issues that have come to the notice of my Ministry are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 33].

1656. [*Transferred to the 14th May, 1992.*]

Disposal of cases by MRTP Commission

1657. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what procedure has to be followed by a harassed consumer for filing a prayer or complaint before the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC);

(b) what is the number of places in the country where the principal seats or benches thereof of the MRTPC have been established by Government so far with details thereof;

(c) what is the number of complaints lodged by consumers to the MRTPC during the last three years;

(d) what is the number of cases decided by MRTPC and how many cases are being investigated;

(e) whether Government propose to enlarge the number of MRTPC and its benches in the country; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF

STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The procedure for filling complaints/applications by various parties including consumers for seeking redressal of their grievances under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969 has been laid down in the MRTP Commission Regulations, 1991. These regulations have been notified *vide* GSR No. 283(E) dated 27th May, 1991.

(b) The Central Office of the Commission is located at Delhi. Under the provisions of Section 16 of the Act, the Commission may sit at such places in India and at such times as may be convenient for the exercise of its powers or functions under the Act. In terms of this provision, the Commission, at times, has held its sittings at different places outside Delhi also.

(c) and (d) During the last three years, the Commission received 14,779 complaints and disposed of 13,547 complaints. During the same period, the Commission decided 1,553 enquiry cases. 99 cases were under investigation as on 30th April, 1992.

(e) and (f) The provisions of the MRTP Act have been recently further strengthened through the MRTP (Amendment) Act, 1991 in order to enable the Commission to take appropriate action in respect of Monopolistic, Restrictive and Unfair Trade Practices. Accordingly, the Commission has been requested to make an assessment of the staffing and organisational requirement, which may be required.

1658. [*Transferred to the 14th May*, 1992.]

Militants Share in Development Fund

1659. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news items captioned "Militants take their share of Development Funds" appearing in the Statesman, New Delhi dated the 23rd April, 1992;

(b) if so, what is the reaction thereto;

(c) whether any appraisal has at any stage been made by the Planning Commission to see whether plan money has been properly utilised for development by the J&K Government during the last three years and not siphoned off during these years of insurgency; and

(d) if so, what is its outcome and if not, the reasons therefor and how it is checked that the Plan funds are fully utilised for the purpose for which they are granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to implement and monitor the schemes/projects in the State Plans. However, monitoring of important individual projects is done by the concerned administrative Ministry. Planning Commission only evaluates the performance in respect of progress of expenditure and the fiscal target in key areas at the time of the finaalisation of State's Annual Plans.

People Living Below Poverty Line at the end of Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans

1660. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons and percentage to the total population living below poverty line at the end of fifth, sixth and seventh five year plans;

(b) what is the ratio of such persons to the population of each State during the above period; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to reduce their number in the eighth plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Actual